

GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY

270 Hartford Road
Salem, CT 06240

Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2026
Maples Farm, Bozrah

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Attendees

Bozrah: Henry Granger, Justin LaPre, Don LaPre
Montville: Bill Wrobel, Scott Soderberg, John MacNeil
Salem: Chris Rios, Lou Allen, Jane Coffey

Recording Secretary: Kate Johnson

Guest: Sue Coffee

A quorum was noted.

Minutes

Minutes of the May 14, 2026 meeting were presented. Two corrections were noted: Bob Neddo was in attendance as a guest at the May meeting; and under Minutes the motion was seconded by Chris Rios. Scott Soderberg made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected; seconded by Jane Coffey. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Rios presented the May Treasurer's Report.

Administration, Communication and Correspondence

- **Invoice from Kate Johnson:** In the amount of \$120 for the May meeting minutes. Lou Allen made a motion to approve payment; seconded by Justin LaPre. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Business

- **Law Enforcement Patrol:** Henry is working with Capt. Vinny Mazzotta from DEEP on the 2026 patrol contract. Bill reported to Lt. Radford, Montville Police, about this year's contract being awarded to DEEP.
- **Water Quality Sampling:** Scott noted that the water clarity is the best that he's recorded at this time of year. Hydrilla has been spotted, including along the east side of the lake, although it is still early in the season. A seasonal fish kill, generally occurring in June, is under way.

Old Business None.

New Business

- **Swim Buoys:** Jane reported that the swim buoys at the state beach were removed by DEEP due to the fish kill, as dead fish were getting caught up in the lines. Buoys will be reinstalled in a few days.
- **Park/Launch Access:** DEEP has closed the access between the beach and boat launch. A Knox box with key will allow emergency services to cross between the launch and beach.
- **Fitchville Dam:** DEEP is requiring repairs to the Fitchville Dam. It was reported that possible removal of the dam by the owner is under consideration.

Public Comment

- **Sue Coffee:** Sue noted that she does not support chemical treatments for hydrilla in Gardner Lake. She is calling for a drastic drawdown to “fight nature with nature,” hoping that a drastic drawdown will help manage the shoreline hydrilla.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 9, 2026 at Montville Public Safety Building, beginning at 7:00 pm. The public is welcome to attend.

Adjournment

Chris Rios made a motion to adjourn at 7:34 p.m.; seconded by Don LaPre. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kate Johnson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, rectangular background.

Kate Johnson,
Recording Secretary